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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Irene Marx	1651	

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 December 2003.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 24-46 and 48-51 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 24-46 and 48-51 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some *
 - c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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This office action replaces the Office action mailed 2/4/04.

Claims 24-46 and 48-51 are being examined on the merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 48 and 50 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Claims 49 and 50 as now written disclose the miscibility or solubility of the second organic solvent as limited in water at 20° C up to 26 percent by weight. As alleged basis for this material, Applicants now add to the specification Table 16 of the Ullman Encyclopedia for Industrial Chemistry as Table I. There is no clear nexus between the material incorporated by reference comprising pages 437-505, the Table now added and the specific recitation in the claims of "having limited miscibility or solubility with water at 20° C up to 26 percent by weight". The as filed specification lacks a definition of "limited miscibility" and a proper definition is not provided by the added table to provide basis or support for the claim designated limitation now added..

Similarly, there is no clear indication on the record that applicant had conception of the use of the solvents now listed in claims 40 and 51, particularly in view of the requirement that the purity is required to be greater than 99.6%. Issues of new matter are also raised by the deletion of acetonitrile in claims 40 and 51.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments have been fully considered but they are not deemed to be persuasive.

Applicants argue that the table shows compounds having essentially no solubility in water and methyl ethyl ketone having 26% solubility. However, in the specification as-filed

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applicants disclose a physical property of certain compounds regarding miscibility or solubility in water without specifically defining the intended meaning of their terminology. Now applicants wish to claim the use of any compound that has this physical property. Applicants did not have conception of the use of all of the compounds now embraced by the claims for this purpose. Indicating in the specification that certain listed compounds have a certain property and are preferred embodiments of an invention cannot be equated with conception of the degree of miscibility or solubility in water of the invention. Proper evidence is lacking that by "limited miscibility" applicants intended to encompass a limited miscibility of "up to 26 % at 20° C. See *In re Wertheim*, 191 USPQ 90, CCPA 1976.

Claims 24-46 and 48-51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 24, 36 and 40 are vague and indefinite in the phrase "a second organic solvent having limited miscibility or solubility with water at 20° C up to 26 percent by weight". It is unclear how the miscibility or solubility is intended to be "limited" at the stated range.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments have been fully considered but they are not deemed to be persuasive.

As noted *supra* regarding the new matter rejection, a definition and basis is lacking to particularly point out what applicant regards as the invention.

No claim is allowed.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Irene Marx whose telephone number is (703) 308-2922. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Wityshyn, can be reached on (703) 308-4743. The appropriate fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is before final (703) 872-9306 and after final, (703) 872-9307.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to Customer Service whose telephone number is (703) 308-0198 or the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.

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